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This book examines the varying experiences of information literacy among higher educators and proposes a relational model of information literacy as an alternative to the behavioral model that dominates the education and research. The metaphor of an "information literacy wheel" is used to examine problems associated with the behavioral model and to propose the adoption of a relational approach. Three spokes of the wheel are analyzed: information literacy, information literacy education, and research. An empirical study into information users' conceptions of information literacy was conducted to form an initial hub for the relational information literacy wheel--a detailed picture of the different ways in which information literacy is conceived among a group of experienced information users. An outcome space which depicts the conceptions of information literacy is comprised of seven categories that describe particular ways of interacting with information. These include: the information technology conception; information sources conception; information process conception; information control conception; knowledge construction conception; knowledge extension conception; and wisdom conception. New directions for information literacy are explored. Includes an index. (Contains 275 references.)(AEF)

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